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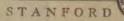
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#### **PREFACE**

#### TO THE AMERICAN EDITION.

The School Drill herein set forth has been adopted to a very considerable extent in the English schools, where it has been found of great utility, not only as a purely physical exercise, but as one promoting cheerfulness, erectness of carriage and general alertness and promptitude in the school work. The whole tendency of the drill is to produce a love of order and an actual liking for discipline, lightening at once the teacher's labors and brightening and awakening the pupil.

Petter Henrik Ling, the originator of this drill, was a soldier, a scholar and an accomplished anatomist. The Royal Gymnastic Institution of Stockholm was opened at his instigation in 1815. after he had been two years teaching his system, which, like some other discoveries of value to mankind, was not appreciated at its full value by the discoverer himself. Ling at first looked upon his series of bodily movements as remedial only, and taught and developed them accordingly. But it was soon seen that exercises plainly in accord with natural law would be of benefit, not merely to invalids and valetudinarians, but to the healthy. whom it was well to keep so. Accordingly, the system, with proper modification, was introduced into the Swedish schools, in all of which it is now a part of the regular course. From Sweden it has

made its way into England, with effects to which we have already alluded. The elder Ling died in 1839, but his work was ably taken up and carried forward by his son Hjalmar Fredrik, his daughter Hilda and their successors, among whom Allan Broman was not one of the least.

In the following pages, from the ably arranged work of Mr. George L. Mélio—everything essential is retained—all that relates to the drill and exercise and every illustration. The biographical and subsidiary matter alone has been condensed, and the little work will therefore be in every sense a complete manual of the system. That it will be useful to the teachers of our country we hope and believe.

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#### SCIENTIFIC PHYSICAL TRAINING.

N advocating the great importance of physical training it must always be borne in mind that two great dangers have to be plainly pointed out, and most carefully avoided, if the training is to bring about a maximum of success.

One of these dangers is a sort of confused notion that gymnastic exercises are to provide a spectacular exhibition for the public from time to time.

It is all up with both pupil and teacher of any branch of education when the training of the pupil takes the form of preparation for exhibiting progress; and this is as true of physical, as well as of mental, or spiritual training. What is pretty and showy, and will provoke the wonder of the majority of onlookers, will then have the first place in the effort bestowed on the pupil, and what is best for the permanent weal of the latter, the second.

All true friends of the rising generation ought to set their faces dead against the introduction of music into gymnastic exercises. Not only is the attention of the pupil distracted from the supreme business of trying to perform as perfectly as possible the movement required, but the very fact of being timed and tuned by music makes the movement more and more mechanical.

It was once my lot to witness the "march out" of fourteen hundred girls to charming music. They were in the habit of marching out from morning prayers daily in that imposing and most beautiful fashion. I noticed that they walked well as long as they were near the music, but that directly it became lost in the long corridor, they drifted into the loose step, and careless gait, common to young people whose feet and hips, shoulders and necks, have been spoilt by traditional clothing for free and graceful pedestrianism. Musical drill is a pastime, and as such to be used for wholesome pleasure and profit. But it is not the serious, earnest, and often patient task of developing all the muscles, and training feeble and inadequate bodies into strong and competent ones.

It is a perverted sense of what is fit, that is bored by the silent performance of scientific gymnastic feats and a low ideal of the uses of music that requires its aid in so second-hand a fashion as the accompanying of skilled movements of arms and legs.

The second danger against which a warning has to be uttered is the introduction into gymnastic training any unnecessary elements of fatigue. Hence clubs, dumb-bells, and wands ought to have no part in the lessons imparted to young and delicate people; it is enough to give them the fatigue consequent on calling their muscles into movement, without giving them weights to carry or support.

It is unnecessary fatigue and strain that has made physical training in many countries too often a disaster instead of a blessing; and unscientific onlookers have laid the blame on the shoulders of physical training instead of the unscientific method of carrying it out.

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It is in these two particulars, pre-eminently, that Ling's system so far surpasses any other. It does not seek to appeal to the sense of what is astonishing, or pretty in the onlooker; it does not suffer the attention of the pupil to be diverted for one instance from the business in hand by music with its charms and limitations; nor does it fatigue the muscles by adding artificial weight, wand, dumb-bell or club, to the work required to bring every group of muscles, and every individual in that group into adequate and harmonious action.

Rigidity, inequality, and final failure have been too often the results of the apologetic and mechanical methods of imparting physical training, so long in use in our midst.

Ease, grace, equality and continuity towards harmony and perfection are the ideal on whose road Ling's system travels with honest, patient, and scientific step.

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#### TURNINGS.

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As it is scarcely possible to bestow too much attention and care on the primary positions—more especially the various turnings and foot placings—which practically form the groundwork of the Free Standing movements, it may be found advantageous, at the outset, to explain and illustrate the same to each pupil individually, and thus ensure a more perfect execution of the movements by the whole class than could otherwise be attained.

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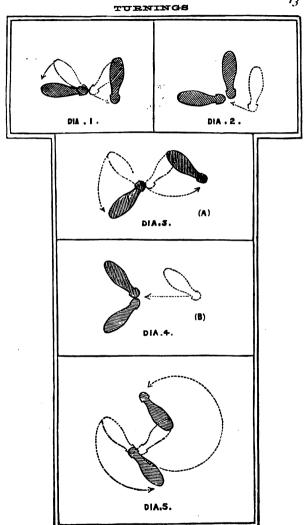
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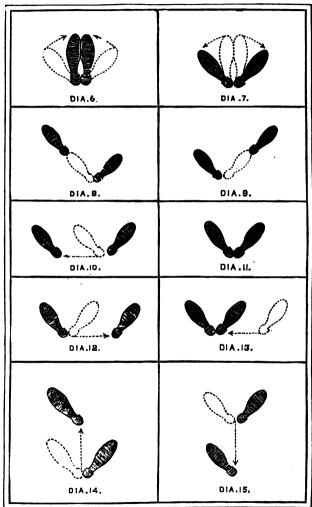


## FOOT PLACINGS

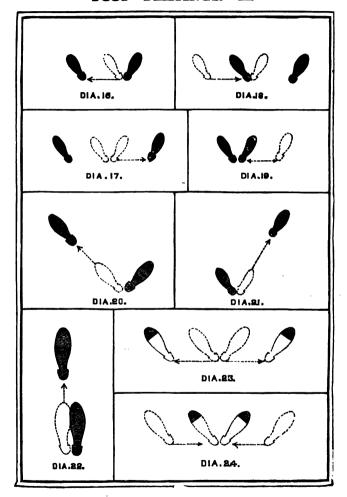
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#### FOOT PLACINGS. IL



#### FORMATIONS.

(BY SECTIONS.)

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The number of pupils and space at disposal must necessarily regulate the method adopted in spacing, or opening out. The diagrams submitted merely shew those methods best calculated to call forth a frequent repetition of the primary turnings, and at the same time utilise the space to the best advantage.

- First Formation.—The pupils "fall in" in a single rank, the shortest standing at the extreme right, and after (a) "numbering off" from the right, in twos, (b) turn to the right, (c) thence taking one pace outward, odd numbers going to the left, and even numbers to the right, as shewn in Diagrams 30, 31, 32.
- Words of Command.—Fall in / Right dress! Eyes front!

  Number! To the right-turn! Odd numbers one pace
  to the left, even numbers, one pace to the right—March!

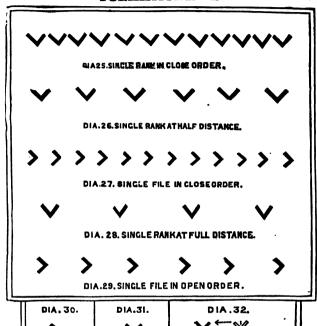
  Cover!
- Second Formation.—The pupils "fall in" in two ranks, and without numbering turn to the right, and open files! thence take distance by extending the arms horizontally forward, whilst marching backward. Diagrams 33-34-35-29.
- Words of Command.—Fall in! Right dress! Eyes front!

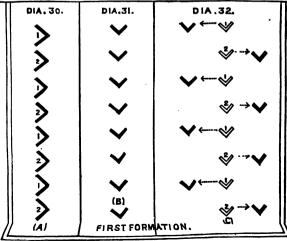
  To the right-turn! Open files—March! From the front prove distance—March! Cover! Position!

  Arms being brought smartly down.
- Third Formation.—This formation, which is we believe of purely Swedish origin, consists in forming four files from two ranks in close order, the rear rank taking the same numbers as the front. After numbering off in twos and turning to the right, each file takes one pace outward, the even numbers taking an additional pace to the right, as shewn in Diagrams 33, 34, 35, 36.
- Words of Command.—"Fall in!" Right dress! Eyes front!

  Number! To the right-turn! Open files—March!

  Even numbers step to the right—March! Cover!





## FORMATIONS. (BY ONE WORD OF COMMAND.)

When the foregoing formations are correctly executed by sections, the pupil should then execute the entire formation without the usual pauses, on the last word of command, which, in the third formation, for example, would be:— Right turn, open files, even ones step to the right—March! Cover!

From a single or double rank in close order, two or four ranks may be formed by the pupils numbering off in twos, even numbers thence stepping backward and sideward (or forward) one pace. These formations are useful for exercises requiring assistance, in which case the front rank executes the movement whilst the rear rank gives support, and on the command, Ranks change? the positions of the pupils become reversed, by the even numbers taking one step sideward and forward and cdd numbers one step backward and sideward; or the same result may be attained by all turning to the left, or right about.

Taking Distance.—In taking distance either forward or sideward, with one or both arms, the pupils are to step off with the left foot, arms and fingers being extended perfectly horizontal, with the palms of the hands facing downward, remaining so until the command, position: is given. Half distance is obtained by extending one arm sideward, and full distance by the extension of both.

Cover !—Implies that each pupil must stand in flank line, namely, one behind the other, as in Diagrams 27-29-31.

#### DISMISSAL.

At the conclusion of the lesson the pupils are to resume their original positions of one or more ranks, on precisely the same principles adopted in opening out, after which the teacher commands, Dismiss !

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## FOOT, LEG, AND BALANCE MOVEMENTS.

In the various positions assumed by the feet, it is most essential that the weight of the body should rest equally on both legs, otherwise an imperfect movement is the result.

- Foot Placings and Heel Raising.—The feet can be placed either forward, outward, sideward, or backward, in conjunction with, or without the various arm movements, and with heel raising. In the large steps forward, backward, or outward, the advanced knee must be well bent and rear leg kept straight, as shewn in Figures 40, 47, 54. Further particulars with reference to foot placings will be found on page 24.
- Knee Bendings.—All knee bendings are preceded by raising the heels, and are executed either in wing stand, neck rest, stretch or half-stretch positions, from the various foot placings. Whilst bending the knees outward at a right angle, the body and head should be kept erect and the chest thrown forward. In tense knee bending, or sitting position, the body is lowered to its utmost extent, as shewn in Figure 56.
- Crook Standing.—Consists of balancing the body on one leg, whilst the other is bent upward, thence stretched either forward or backward, as shewn in Figure 49, from the wing stand or neck rest pos. During the execution of these movements, the body and head are to be kept erect, the foot stretched downward, and the knee raised upward until the thigh is in an horizontal position.
- Commands.—In the knee flexions and extension, the commands should be given slowly, with the exception of exercise shewn in Figure 21, which is subsequently executed in quick time, and taken as a preparatory leaping exercise.
- Effects.—When correctly performed, the foot and leg movements greatly increase the mobility of the ankles and the power of balancing. They likewise act strongly on the extensor muscles of the leg, and increase the respiration and circulation, more especially when combined with arm vaixing and sinking.

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#### HAND, ARM AND SHOULDER MOVEMENTS.

With the exception of arm raising and sinking, all arm movements are to be executed with great *force* and *rapidity*, a slight pause being made between the flexion and extension.

Upward Arm Bend.—The arms should be bent at the elbow joint, and held well back close to the sides, the hands slightly clenched, and the chest thrown forward, as shewn in Figure 7.

Parallel Stretching.—From the upward bend position the arms and fingers are extended with great force, either forward, backward, upward, or downward, the fingers being straight, and the palms of the hand facing inward, as shewn in Figure 22. When extended sideward the palms of the hand face downward, as shewn in Figure 33.

Alternate Stretching.—The arms are extended from the upward bend position in different directions: (1) one arm downward and one upward, (2) one sideward and one upward, (3) one forward and one upward, (4) one forward and one sideward, (5) one forward and one downward, (6) one sideward and one downward, as shewn in Figures 42, 43, 60.

Forward Arm Bend.—This position is attained by bending the arms s - bow, and raising them sideward until the such the chest, which is to be thrown well head kept erect, and shoulders pressed back, Figure 9, some six or eight inches separating the palms of which must face downward.

ward Arm Fling.—Is executed from the prewovement, the fore arms being flung outward moving the head or the body) with great force, in Figure 25. After practice, the two movements be taken in one time.

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- Straight Arm Flinging. -These movements are similar to the preceding one, but commence from the fundamental position, and are executed forward and upward, sideward and upward, sideward and downward, and forward and downward, as shewn in Figures 27-30.
- Arm Raising and Sinking.—Consists of raising and sinking the arms slowly, sideward, forward, upward or downward, as shewn in rigures 27-30.
- Commands. Arms upward (or forward) bend! Arms outward (forward, sideward, or downward) fing! Arms for ward and upward (or sideward and upward) raise! Downward sink! Arms forward (backward, upward, sideward, or downward) stretch! All arm (and other) movements are first taught by numbers, but are afterwards executed without. The arms and hands should be kept perfectly parallel and straight in the various stretching, flinging, and lifting movements.
- Effects. The various arm movements act powerfully on the muscles of the chest, arms, trunk and neck, increasing the depth and girth of the chest, and greatly strengthening the respiratory organs, but must be used with care by persons whose lungs are weak. By bending and stretching the arms in different directions, the general effects become more powerful.



## LEAPING. (without Apparatus.)

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As a beneficial exercise leaping undoubtedly ranks very high, though great care should, at all times, be exercised, to prevent the energies of either the awkward or too willing pupils being over-taxed. In order to leap a great distance, or very high, it is not absolutely necessary to receive special instruction, but if one desires to leap in a particular manner, with exactitude and graceful ease, and with judgment as to distance, &c., then a systematic and skilful training becomes indispensable.

- Free Leaps.—These are executed without appliances, and form an excellent preparatory course to the leaps over a fixed object. They are made on the spot, without turning the body, or by turning to the left or right in the act of leaping, usually in six distinct movements. (1) Raising the heels, (2) knee bending outward, (3) straightening the legs and leaping upward, (4) alighting on the toes with bent knees and body erect, (5) stretching the knees, (6) placing the heels on the floor.
- Compound Leaps.—Another valuable series of leaps on the spot are accomplished by (a) separating and closing the legs whilst executing the third movement, (b) throwing out the arms horizontally sideward whilst executing the leap, (c) throwing out both the arms and legs whilst executing the third movement, thence resuming the original position in the fourth movement.
- Dancing Step.— This is an excellent movement, and consists of a continuous closing and opening of the legs whilst in the wing toe stand position, as shewn in the foot placings, Diagrams 23-24, and Figures 8-28, the relative position of the pupils being maintained throughout.
- Forward Leap.—Is executed in six movements by taking two paces forward from the fundamental position, thence springing forward, alighting on the toes, in knee bend position, afterwards straightening the knees and placing the heels on the floor.

Directions.—In all leaping exercises the equilibre should be preserved whilst executing the fourth movement, the arms being usually kept in a vertical position slightly at the rear of the legs.

Commands.—On the spot (with, or without turning the body)

Leap! one, two, three, four, five, six! On the spot
(with out-throwing of the arms or legs, or in conjunction
with both)—Leap! one, two, three, four, five, six! Forward (by taking two paces, commencing with the left
foot)—Leap! one, two, three, four, five, six! Sideward
(to the left or to the right)—Leap!

## LEAPING. (OVER A FIXED OBJECT.)

The powers of equilibre are not so necessary in the performance of this leap as in the previous *free leaps* on the *spot*, but a greater and more general exertion is called forth.

In the running high leap, which is accomplished by taking a short run prior to its execution, the pupils are to spring from the left and right foot alternately, the left being exercised first, a rule which should be strictly enforced.

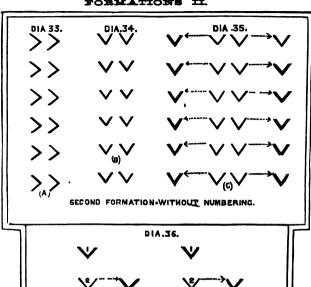
In the absence of properly constructed appliances, a long cord (half an inch in thickness), held loosely by two pupils, together with a small cocoanut fibre mat, will be found good substitutes. By attaching a piece of coloured material in the centre of the cord the pupils are better enabled to guage their distance in making the leap.

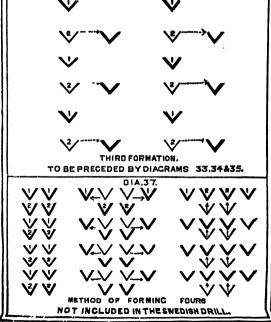
A small beating board, raised some four inches high at its upper end, is generally used with a view to facilitating the exercise, but from experience we may say that equally beneficial results can be attained by dispensing with this aid, which is not unfrequently the cause of sprains and minor mishaps, due to the habit some pupils acquire of taking their leap from the edge of the board.

## MARCHING AND RUNNING.

n all marching exercises the head is to be held up without aint, the trunk being erect, the chest arched forward, and the ilders held back and down at an equal height. The legs must traightened at every step and the toes pointed outward and nward, the arms being permitted to swing slightly. An il distance should at all times be maintained, and the head and directed to the front.

- W March.—The pupils are to step off with the left foot, making about 70 paces to the minute.
- ck March.—In this the pupils take about 100 paces in the minute, keeping well together in time and file.
- ble March.—On the command, Double I the pupils raise the hands, which must be closed, as high as the waist, and stepping off briskly with the left foot, execute a run of about 150 paces to the minute, bearing entirely on the toes.
- Toe March.—The pupils change from the slow or quick march, into the tip-toe march, by bearing the entire weight on the toes whilst marching, the heels being raised as high as possible, as in Figure 61, but with arms at the side.
- king or Sounding the Footsteps.—During a march the pupils denote the third or fifth step by stamping the foot lightly whilst making the step, the counting to commence or cease immediately after the final command, March! is given.





#### GENERAL DIRECTIONS.

- Lessons.—Each movement should be repeated three times.

  The lessons are to be taken consecutively, each lesson being thoroughly acquired before passing on to the next.

  All movements are to be first executed by numbers, but when proficient the pupils may be allowed to judge their own time.
- Commands.— The explanatory command should be distinguished from the command of execution by a slight pause, the former being delivered with clearness, the latter with precision and force, and a strong accent placed on the last word of command.
- Primitive Positions. All movements are to be performed with great accuracy, especially the primary ones, as it is only when thus executed that they produce the desired effect.
- Illustration.—A correct illustration of each movement by the teacher is indispensable, such illustrations, with directions or corrections, being given whilst the pupils are standing at ease.
- Respiration.—The pupils are to take quiet and deep breaths whilst performing a movement, and should only exercise in a room which has been thoroughly ventilated, prior to the lesson.
- Left Side. —In order to partially counteract the universal bias attached to the right side of the body, all movements are to be executed on the left side first.
- Costume.—A special costume offers many advantages, but must be perfectly loose fitting at the neck, waist, wrist and knee. For girls, a costume of dark woollen fabric or striped flannelette, of light texture, comprising a blouse, sash, and knickerbockers suspended by elastic bands

## NECK, TRUNK AND ABDOMINAL MOVEMENTS.

- Head and Trunk Turnings.—All head and trunk turnings are first to be acquired in slow time, being subsequently executed quickly, without moving the lower part of the body. The rotary movements can only be successfully accomplished by turning the spine at its axis above the hips, which are to remain in a fixed position, the respiration being full and deep, and the feet resting firmly on the ground with knees perfectly straight.
- Trunk Bendings.—May be made either whilst in the knee standing positions, Figures 31-44, or from any of the various foot placings, forward, backward, or in a lateral direction in wing stand, neck rest, stretch, or half-stretch positions, as shewn in Figures 15, 26, 35, 69, but in slow time.
- Twist Bendings.—Are executed by first turning the spine, thence bending either forward, backward, or sideward, from the fundamental positions denoted in the preceding movements, or from the pass position, as shewn in Figures 57-68.
- **Directions.**—All trunk movements are to be given with great care, a *flexion* being distinguished from a *trunk inclination* in which the spine merely bends at the hips.
- **Commands.**—The various commands (as set forth in the lessons) should be delivered *slowly*, whilst in the *rapid* trunk and head turnings they are to be given with force.
- Effects.—When executed in clothing that permits of full inspiration by chest and abdomen, without the slighest pressure, the above movements act in a stimulating manner on all the respiratory, spinal, and abdominal organs, the *rapid* rotary movements acting powerfully on the waist and side trunk muscles.

#### HAND, ARM AND SHOULDER MOVEMENTS.

With the exception of arm raising and sinking, all arm movements are to be executed with great *force* and *rapidity*, a slight pause being made between the flexion and extension.

- Upward Arm Bend.—The arms should be bent at the elbow joint, and held well back close to the sides, the hands slightly clenched, and the chest thrown forward, as shewn in Figure 7.
- Parallel Stretching.—From the upward bend position the arms and fingers are extended with great force, either forward, backward, upward, or downward, the fingers being straight, and the palms of the hand facing inward, as shewn in Figure 22. When extended sideward the palms of the hand face downward, as shewn in Figure 33.
- Alternate Stretching.—The arms are extended from the upward bend position in different directions: (1) one arm downward and one upward, (2) one sideward and one upward, (3) one forward and one upward, (4) one forward and one sideward, (5) one forward and one downward, (6) one sideward and one downward, as shewn in Figures 42, 43, 60.
- Forward Arm Bend.—This position is attained by bending the arms at the elbow, and raising them sideward until the hands just touch the chest, which is to be thrown well forward, the head kept erect, and shoulders pressed back, as shewn in Figure 9, some six or eight inches separating the hands, the palms of which must face downward.
- Forward or Outward Arm Fling.—Is executed from the preceding movement, the fore arms being flung outward (without moving the head or the body) with great force, as shewn in Figure 25. After practice, the two movements are to be taken in one time.

- Straight Arm Flinging. -These movements are similar to the preceding one, but commence from the fundamental position, and are executed forward and upward, sideward and upward, sideward and downward, and forward and downward, as shewn in Figures 27-30.
- Arm Raising and Sinking.—Consists of raising and sinking the arms slowly, sideward, forward, upward or downward, as shewn in Figures 27-30.
- Commands.— Arms upward (or forward) bend! Arms outward (forward, sideward, or downward)—fing! Arms for ward and upward (or sideward and upward)—raise! Downward sink! Arms forward (backward, upward, sideward, or downward) stretch! All arm (and other) movements are first taught by numbers, but are afterwards executed without. The arms and hands should be kept perfectly parallel and straight in the various stretching, flinging, and lifting movements.
- Effects. The various arm movements act powerfully on the muscles of the chest, arms, trunk and neck, increasing the depth and girth of the chest, and greatly strengthening the respiratory organs, but must be used with care by persons whose lungs are weak. By bending and stretching the arms in different directions, the general effects become more powerful.



# LEAPING. (without apparatus.)

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As a beneficial exercise leaping undoubtedly ranks very high, though great care should, at all times, be exercised, to prevent the energies of either the awkward or too willing pupils being over-taxed. In order to leap a great distance, or very high, it is not absolutely necessary to receive special instruction, but if one desires to leap in a particular manner, with exactitude and graceful ease, and with judgment as to distance, &c., then a systematic and skilful training becomes indispensable.

- Free Leaps.—These are executed without appliances, and form an excellent preparatory course to the leaps over a fixed object. They are made on the spot, without turning the body, or by turning to the left or right in the act of leaping, usually in six distinct movements. (1) Raising the heels, (2) knee bending outward, (3) straightening the legs and leaping upward, (4) alighting on the toes with bent knees and body erect, (5) stretching the knees, (6) placing the heels on the floor.
- Compound Leaps.—Another valuable series of leaps on the spot are accomplished by (a) separating and closing the legs whilst executing the third movement, (b) throwing out the arms horizontally sideward whilst executing the leap, (c) throwing out both the arms and legs whilst executing the third movement, thence resuming the original position in the fourth movement.
- Dancing Step.—This is an excellent movement, and consists of a continuous closing and opening of the legs whilst in the wing toe stand position, as shewn in the foot placings, Diagrams 23-24, and Figures 8-28, the relative position of the pupils being maintained throughout.
- Forward Leap.—Is executed in six movements by taking two paces forward from the fundamental position, thence springing forward, alighting on the toes, in knee bend position, afterwards straightening the knees and placing the heels on the floor.

Directions.—In all leaping exercises the equilibre should be preserved whilst executing the fourth movement, the arms being usually kept in a vertical position slightly at the rear of the legs.

Commands.—On the spot (with, or without turning the body)
Leap! one, two, three, four, five, six! On the spo!

(with out-throwing of the arms or legs, or in conjunction with both)—Leap! one, two, three, four, five, six! Forward (by taking two paces, commencing with the left foot)—Leap! one, two, three, four, five, six! Sideward (to the left or to the right)—Leap!

# LEAPING. (OVER A FIXED OBJECT.)

The powers of equilibre are not so necessary in the performance of this leap as in the previous *free leaps* on the *spol*, but a greater and more general exertion is called forth.

In the running high leap, which is accomplished by taking a short run prior to its execution, the pupils are to spring from the left and right foot alternately, the left being exercised first, a rule which should be strictly enforced.

In the absence of properly constructed appliances, a long cord (half an inch in thickness), held loosely by two pupils, together with a small cocoanut fibre mat, will be found good substitutes. By attaching a piece of coloured material in the centre of the cord the pupils are better enabled to guage their distance in making the leap.

A small beating board, raised some four inches high at its upper end, is generally used with a view to facilitating the exercise, but from experience we may say that equally beneficial results can be attained by dispensing with this aid, which is not unfrequently the cause of sprains and minor mishaps, due to the habit some pupils acquire of taking their leap from the edge of the board.

#### MARCHING AND RUNNING.

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all marching exercises the head is to be held up without nt, the trunk being erect, the chest arched forward, and the lers held back and down at an equal height. The legs must aightened at every step and the toes pointed outward and ward, the arms being permitted to swing slightly. An distance should at all times be maintained, and the head and irected to the front.

- March.—The pupils are to step off with the left foot, making about 70 paces to the minute.
- : March.—In this the pupils take about 100 paces in the minute, keeping well together in time and file.
- le March.—On the command, Double ! the pupils raise the hands, which must be closed, as high as the waist, and stepping off briskly with the left foot, execute a run of about 150 paces to the minute, bearing entirely on the toes.
- march.—The pupils change from the slow or quick march, into the tip-toe march, by bearing the entire weight on the toes whilst marching, the heels being raised as high as possible, as in Figure 61, but with arms at the side.
- ing or Sounding the Footsteps.—During a march the pupils denote the third or fifth step by stamping the foot lightly whilst making the step, the counting to commence or cease immediately after the final command. March! is given.

Marching Combined with Arm Movements.—When proficiency has been attained in the various marches, the arms may, whilst marching, be stretched (1) upward and downward, (2) sideward and downward, (3) forward and downward, (4) in contrary directions, but the marching must not be taken too quickly, otherwise the arm movements will be incorrectly executed and thus produce bad

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- Incorrect Step.—Whilst marching, pupils who are out of step must suddenly bring up the rear foot, to the heel of that which is advanced, and immediately take another step forward with the advanced foot, thereby making three steps in the time allotted to two.
- Turnings.—On the command, Left about-turn! each pupil whilst marching turns to the left about, by executing four distinct steps, the fourth being sounded and the march continued in the reverse direction, the relative inward and outward positions of the pupils being maintained. In wheeling to the left or right, the files or ranks turn in a right angle direction, and when countermarching make a left or right about-turn, from thence continuing the march in the opposite direction.
- Changing Step.—In all changes from the quick to the slow, tiptoe, or double march, or vice-verså, the pupils are to denote each change by sounding the first footstep made after the command, March! has been given.
- Halt.—On the command, Halt! the foot which is being advanced completes its movement, the rear foot being immediately brought up at right angle to the advanced foot. The two movements should be executed with precision and in unison, the body not being permitted to lean forward

#### GENERAL DIRECTIONS.

- issons.—Each movement should be repeated three times.

  The lessons are to be taken consecutively, each lesson being thoroughly acquired before passing on to the next.

  All movements are to be first executed by numbers, but when proficient the pupils may be allowed to judge their own time.
- ommands.— The explanatory command should be distinguished from the command of execution by a slight pause, the former being delivered with clearness, the latter with precision and force, and a strong accent placed on the last word of command.
- rimitive Positions. All movements are to be performed with great accuracy, especially the primary ones, as it is only when thus executed that they produce the desired effect.
- lustration.—A correct illustration of each movement by the teacher is indispensable, such illustrations, with directions or corrections, being given whilst the pupils are standing at ease.
- espiration.—The pupils are to take quiet and deep breaths whilst performing a movement, and should only exercise in a room which has been thoroughly ventilated, prior to the lesson.
- eft Side. —In order to partially counteract the universal bias attached to the right side of the body, all movements are to be executed on the left side first.
- ostume.—A special costume offers many advantages, but must be perfectly loose fitting at the neck, waist, wrist and knee. For girls, a costume of dark woollen fabric or striped flannelette, of light texture, comprising a blouse, sash, and knickerbockers suspended by elastic bands

over the shoulders, will prove the most useful; whilst for boys, a loose flannel shirt or vest, and trousers, with elastic belt, will suffice. The shoes should have low heels, and permit of perfect freedom for the feet.

- Music.—It is impossible to adapt Ling's exercises to music without entirely altering the movements and destroying their effects, hence their superiority to musical gymnastics, which ultimately become mechanical and one-sided.
- Singing.—During a slow march singing may sometimes be allowed, but on no account whilst performing the more severe movements, as in the opinion of eminent authorities, the voice deteriorates by so doing.
- Diagrams. -The shaded and heavy diagrams denote the final positions, the primitive positions being denoted by dotted and light diagrams.

# MODEL OF LESSON, WITHOUT APPARATUS, BASED ON LING'S SYSTEM.

- 1. Movements for the muscles of the foot and leg.
- 2. Movements for the muscles of the neck and trunk.
- 3. Movements for the muscles of the fingers and arms.
- 4. Movements of équilibre.
- 5. Movements for the dorsal muscles.
- 6. Movements for the abdominal muscles.
- 7. Movements for the side trunk muscles.
- 8. Marching, Running, or a Leaping exercise.
- 9. Respiratory movement.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

A correct and continuous application of Ling's Movements will be found to greatly relieve and strengthen persons suffering from weak respiration, poorness of blood, bad digestion, asthma, gout, obesity, and heart diseases in the early stages.

In all countries where the Swedish system is carried out in its entirety, spinal and other malformations are of very rare occurrence.

	TECHNICAL TERMS.	PIGUER 3I
	Position 1 or Attention position	2
•	Wing stand position	1
	Neck rest position	
	Closed stand position	4
ARY	Wing toe stand position	3 8
ONS.		
	Stride stand position	5
	Wing walk position	19
	Neck rest stride stand position	12
	Stretch stride stand position	20 ·
	Stretch walk toe stand position	6 <b>r</b>
	Wing stand knee bend position	2 T
LEG,	Wing crook stand position	24
D .	Wing crook stretch positions	49 ب37
NCE	Stretch stride stand knee bend position	67
ONS.	Tense knee bend, or sitting, position	56
OHS.	Neck rest knee bend position	29
	Pass, or outward lunge, position	54
	Stretch pass, or forward lunge, positions	47, 66
	Wingstride, forward trunk bend, position	15
	Stretch stand, rear trunk bend, position	35
	Half-stretch stand, lateral bend, position	69
	Stretch stride, stand trunk twist, position	32
	Stretch walk, rear trunk bend, position	41
	Neck rest, stand trunk twist bend, posi-	
:K,	tion	57
NK,	Wing, knee stand, rear trunk bend	3,
D	position	31
MEN.	Stretch, knee stand, rear trunk bend	34
	position	55
	Stretch, half knee stand, rear trunk bend	33
	position	44
	Prone falling or side leaning rest position	36
	Half-stretch, side prone falling, position	63
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	Half, or alternate, stretch positions 4	27
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ers,	Backward (forward, upward, or sideward)	0
es,	stretch position	22, 58
D	Upward arm bend position	7
ders.	Forward arm bend position	9
	Outward (upward or downward) fling	•
	—or slow raising—positions	30, 25
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The above selection of Terms and Movements are merely tended to serve as a key to the numerous positions derived erefrom, which it has been found impossible to introduce a course of ten lessons.



# COURSE OF LESSONS.

Students are requested to make themselves thoroughly conversant with the directions laid down in the preceding chapters, before taking up the following Lessons, each of which should be perfectly acquired before passing on to the next.

PLATE I.

WING STAND, POS.	POSITION ( OR ATTENTION )	GLOSED STAME, POS.
MECK REST, POS.	STRIDE STANS, POS.	REAR HEAD BEND, POS.
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UPWARD ARM BEND, POS.	WING, TOE STAND, POS.	PORWAND ARM BEND, PO
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# \* FIRST LESSON.

No.	EXERCISE.	Reference Figure.
1	Hips-firm / Position / Repeat—one! two! one! two! Stand at-ease /	1-2
2	Feet-close / Feet-open / Repeat—one! two! one! two! Stand at-ease / Repeat also in quick	
	time	3-2
3	Neck-firm / Position / Repeat—one! two! one! two! Stand at-ease /	4
4	Feet sideward-place! Feet together-place! Repeat —one! two! three! four! Stand at-ease!	5
†5	Head backward-bend / Upward-raise / Repeat —one! two! Stand at-ease /	6
6	Arms upward-bend / Downward-stretch / Repeat—one! two! one! two! Stand at-ease /	7
†7	Hips-firm / Heels-raise / Heels-sink / Repeat —one! two! one! two! Position / Stand at-	8
8	March and Leaping exercise	
9	Arms forward-bend / Outward-fling / Repeat —one! two! one!two! Position / Stand at-	
	ease !	9-25

The commands—Position 1 Stand at-Ease 1 and full repetitions of an Exercise, only appear in this Lesson.

<sup>†</sup> Exercises marked thus, with the exception of the primitive positions which precede them, must be executed slowly, the word of command being delivered correspondingly slow.

# SECOND LESSON.

NO.	EXERCISE.	Roference Figure,
1	Hips - firm and Feet-close ! Position ! Neck-firm and Feet-close ! Position ! Repeat—one! two! three! four!	11-10
2	Neck firm, and left foot sideward-place / Feet- change / Repeat—one! two!	12
†3	Hips-firm / Head to the left-turn / Forward- turn / To the right-turn / Forward-turn / Repeat—commencing to the right	13
4	Arms upward - bend / Forward, upward, and downward-stretch / Repeat—one! two! three! four! five! six!	14
†5	Hips-firm and left foot sideward-place / Trunk forward - bend / Upward - raise / Repeat—one! two!	15
†6	Hips-firm and feet - close / Heels - raise / Heels - sink / Repeat—one! two!	16
†7	Neck-firm and left foot forward - place / Trunk to the left - turn / Forward - turn / Feet - change / Repeat to the right	18
8	March and Leaping exercise	
t9	Arms forward and upward-lift! Forward and downward-sink! Repeat—one!two!	17

PLATE II

DK MEST, CLOSED STAND, POR.	WING, GLOSED STAND, PEL	HEGH REST, STRICE STANG, POS.
2	2	
STAND, HEAD TLEMING, POS.	UPWARD, & PORWARD ARM STRETCH, POSITIONS.	WING STRIDE STAND, FOR TRUNK SENS, FOS.
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16 OLOSED, TOE STAMS, POS-	FOR. & UP., OR FOR & DOWN., ARM' PLING, OR RAIGING, POSITIONS.	NEOK REST, WALK TWIST, POS.
16	11	18

PLATE III.

W NO STAND, WALK, POS.	STRETON STRIGE STARS, POS.	WING STAND, NAME OF
POR-, UR. & REAR ARM STRETCH,	WING STRIPE STAND, REAR TRUNK	WING CROOK STAND
22	23	24
FOR BEND, & OUT. ARM PLING,	NEOK REST, STRIDE STAND, LATERAL	DIDE & UPWARD ARM RAM
Pod Tion.		
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## THIRD LESSON. Referenc Figure. NO. EXERCISE. Hips-firm and Feet-close! Left foot forward-1 place ! Feet - change ! Repeat-one ! two ! ... 19 Feet sideward - place, and arms upward - stretch ! †2 Hips - firm / Trunk backward - bend / Upwardraise! Repeat! Feet together and arms downward - place ! 20-23 Hips-firm ! Heels: raise ! Knees - bend ! Knees 13 Heels - sink! Repeat - one! two! three! four! 21 Arms upward - bend! Backward, forward, upward, and downward-stretch! Repeat, in eight inovements 22 Hips-firm! Left knee upward-bend! Down-15 ward - place ! Repeat-with the right-one! two! ... ... 24 Arms forward - bend ! Outward - fling ! Repeat, quickly, in one continuous movement-onetwo! ... 25 Neck - firm and feet sideward - place ! Trunk to 17 the left - bend ! Upward - raise! To the rightbend / Upward - raise / Repeat! 26 March and Leaping exercise ... 8 Arms sideward and upward-lift! Sideward and t9 downward - sink / Repeat—one! two! 27-33 † Must be taken in slow time.

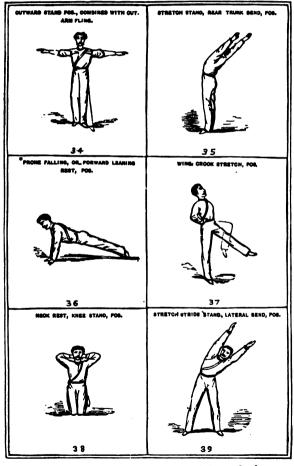
#### FOURTH LESSON. Reference Figure. NO. EXERCISE. tı Hips - firm and left foot sideward - place! Heelsraise! Heels-sink / Feet-change! Repeat-one! two! (a) Hips firm and left foot outwardplace / Heels-raise / Heels-sink / 28 †2 Neck-firm / Heels-raise! Knees-bend! stretch / Heels-sink! Repeat-one! two! three! four ! 20 13 Hips-firm and left foot forward-place / Trunk backward bend / upwards-raise / Feet-change / Repeat—one! two! upward-fling / Arms forward and 4 and downward-fling / Repeat-in quick time -one! two! 30 Neck-firm ! Left knee upward-bend ! Downward-†5 place / Repeat—with the right leg—one! two! Hips-firm! Knees on the floor-place! Trunk **†6** backward-bend / Upward-raise / Repeat-one! two! Position ! ... 31 Feet sideward and arms upward-stretch ! Trunk †7 to the left-turn! Forward-turn! To the rightturn! Forward-turn! Repeat, commencing to the right 32 March and Leaping exercise. Arms forward and upward-lift / Sideward and t9 downward-sink / Repeat-one! two!... 17-33 + Must be executed slowly.

PLATE IV.

WINE, STRIDE TOE STAND, POS.	MEOK REST, KHEE BEND, POG.
28	29
FOR & UPWARD ARM PLING, GR RAISING, POSITIONS.	WING, KHEE STAND, REAR TRUNK BEND, POS.
30	31
STRETCH STRIDE STAND, TRUNK TWIST, POS.	SIDE & DOWNWARD, ARM SINKING, POS.



## PLATE V.



<sup>•</sup> Hands should be turned inwards, with fingers closed.

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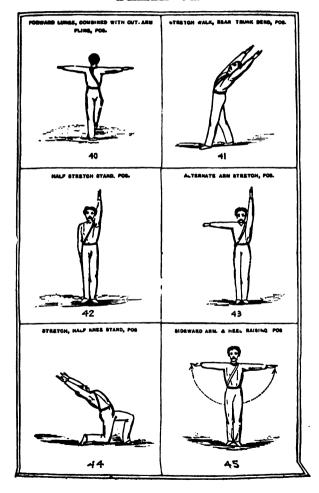
#### FIFTH LESSON. leferenc Figure. EXERCISE. NO. 1 Arms forward-bend/ Left foot outward and arms outward-fling/ Arms and feet-change / Repeat -one! two! 34 †2 Arms upward-stretch / Trunk backward-bend / Repeat-one! two! ... Trunk upward-raise / 35 Hips-firm and left foot outward-place / †3 raise / Knees - bend / Knees - stretch / sink / Feet-change / Repeat! ... "Prone-falling position." Hands on the floor-4 place / Feet backward - place / Arms - bend / Arms-stretch / Repeat—one! two! ... 36 Hips-firm / Left knee upward-bend! Forwardts. Upward - bend / Downward - place / Repeat—with the right leg.! 37 Neck-firm / Knees on the floor-place / Trunk **†6** backward-bend / Upward-raise / Repeat-one! 38 two! Feet sideward and arms upward-stretch / Trunk †7 to the lest-bend / Upward-raise / To the rightbend / Upward-raise / Repeat! (a) With feet together, left arm upward and right arm downward. Totheright-bend / Arms-change / Totheleft-bend/ 39-69 8 March and Leaping exercise. Arms sideward and upward-lift / Forward and t9 downward-sink / Repeat—in slow time—one! two! 27-17 \* The hands to be placed in an inverted position close to the feet at a distance

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<sup>+</sup> Must be executed slowly.

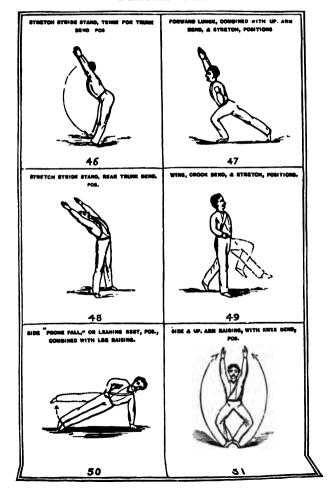
	SIXTH LESSON.	
NO.	EXERCISE.	Referente Figure,
ţΙ	Hips-firm and left foot sideward-place! Heels-raise! Heels-sink! Feet-change! Repeat—one! two! (a) Foot outward. (b) Foot	28
	forward. (c) Combine the three positions, first with the left foot, then with the right, thence commence on the right side	and diagrams 10-8-14
2	Arms forward-bend! Left foot, large step back- ward, and arms outward-fling! Arms and feet-change! Repeat—one! two!	40
†3	Lest soot forward, and arms upward-stretch / Trunk backward-bend / Upward-raise / Arms and seet-change / Repeat!	41
4	Left arm upward and right arm downward- stretch / Arms-change / (a) Left arm upward and right arm sideward, (b) Right arm upward and left arm forward	12-43- 60
†5	Neck-firm and left foot outward-place / Trunk to the left-lurn / Backward-bend / Upward-raise / Forward-turn / Feet-change / Repeat to the right	
6	Arms backward-stretch / Forward and upward-fling / Forward-bend / Outward-fling / Position / Repeat in six consecutive movements, and in quick time	
†7	Left knee on the floor-place / Arms forward and upward - raise / Trunk backward - bend / Upward - raise / Repeat—one! two! Arms downward-sink / Knees-change /	44
8	March and Leaping exercise.	
t9	Heels-raise and arms sideward-lift! Heels and arms downward-sink! Repeat — one! two!  (a) Raise the arms forward and horizontal	45
	be performed slowly.	

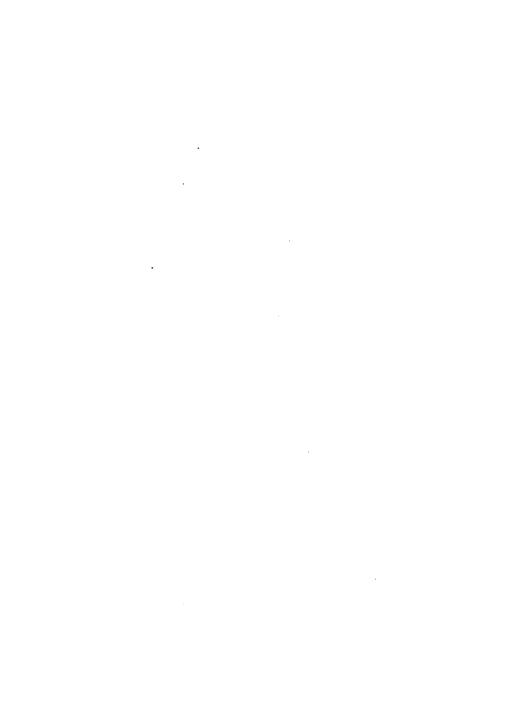
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# SEVENTH LESSON.

NO.	EXERCISE.	Referenc Figure.
†I	Neck-firm and left foot outward-place! Heels- raise! Knees-bend! Knees-stretch! Heels-sink! Repeat! Feet-change!	
†2	Feet sideward and arms upward-stretch! Trunk forward-bend! Downward-bend! Forward-bend! Upward-raise! Repeat!	46
3	Arms backward, forward, upward, sideward, and downward-stretch / Repeat in ten movements	22
*4	Arms upward-bend / Left foot, large step (lunge), outward, and arms upward-stretch / Arms-bend/ Arms-stretch / Repeat / one! two! Arms and feet-change /	47
15	Feet sideward and arms upward-stretch / T:unk backward-bend / Upward-raise / Repeat—one! two!	48
†6	Hips-firm / Left knee upward-bend / Forward- stretch / Upward - bend / Backward - stretch / Upward-bend / Downward-place / Repeat with the right	49
‡7	"Side prone-falling position." Hands on the floor- place / Feet backward-place / On the left arm- rest! Arms-change / Repeat on the right side (a) with lifting and sinking of leg, one ! two!	50
8	March and Leaping exercise.	
t9	Heels-raise and arms sideward-lift! Knees-bend! and arms upward-lift! Knees-stretch! and arms sideward-sink! Heelsand arms downward-sink! Repeat! one! two! three! four!	51

<sup>•</sup> The body to be supported on the left foot, and toes of the right, and the arm bending and stretching executed in quick time.

<sup>+</sup> To be executed slowly.

<sup>‡</sup> Must not be executed by pupils under 13 years of age.





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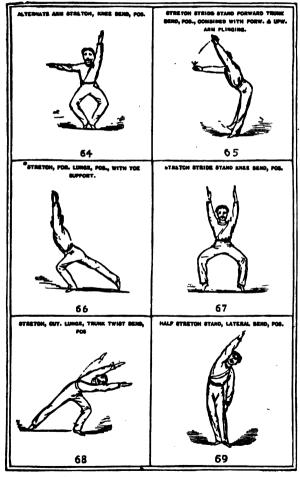
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# TENTH LESSON.

NO.	exercise.	Reference Figure.
I	Hips-firm / Left foot forward, outward, and side- ward—(with heel raising and sinking)—place / Repeat to the right in six movements. (a) Repeat consecutively from left to right, and from right to left	
*2	Feet-sideward and arms upward-stretch / Trunk forward-bend! Arms-sink / Arms-lift / Sink and lift—(in quick time)—one,—two! Upward-raise!	65
3	Arms backward, forward, upward sideward, and downward-stretch / Repeat! Without counting	
†4	Feet sideward and arms upward-stretc? / Heels-raise / Knecs-bend ! Knecs-stretch / Heels-sinh / Repeat one ! two! three! four!	67
5	Knees on the floor-place! Trunk backward-bend!  Arms upward-bend! Upward-stretch! Repeat in quick time—one,—two! Upward-raise! (a) Arms forward-bend! outward-fling!	
†6	Neck-firm / Left gnee upward-bend / Forward- stretch / Upward-bend / Backward-stretch / Upward-bend / Downward-place / Repeat with the right	
†7	Arms upward-bend / Left foot large step outward and arms upward-stretch / Trunk to the right-turn / To the left-bend / Upward-raise / To the left-turn / Arms and feet-change / Repeat on the right side	68
8	March and Leaping exercise	
t9	Knees-bend, and arms forward and upward-lift / Knees-stretch and arms sideward and downward sink /	

#### PLATE X.



\* This position is not described in the lesson.



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